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In re Patent Application of:

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POLISHING METHOD**

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**RESPONSE TO DECEMBER 4, 2006 OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed December 4, 2006. Applicants respectfully request amendment of the patent application, and reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims.

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for responding to the Office Action by one month for a fee of \$120.00 so that the period for response is extended to April 4, 2006 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136.